



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: April 1, 2008

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Police Department

SUBJECT: Animal Control Shelter Services Agreement With The County Of Santa Barbara

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council authorize the Chief of Police or his designee to execute an agreement with the County of Santa Barbara to provide animal control shelter services from October 2007 to June 2009.

DISCUSSION:

Since March 1980 the City of Santa Barbara has contracted with the County of Santa Barbara for shelter services for City of Santa Barbara Animal Control at the County facility located at 5473 Overpass Road in Goleta. Previous agreements were on a pay-for-service basis. At the beginning of Fiscal Year 2008 the County of Santa Barbara proposed changing to a cost per capita basis for all incorporated cities. This proposal significantly increases the costs to all municipal agencies in the County. Currently the City of Santa Barbara and City of Carpinteria pay for shelter services only. All other incorporated cities in the County pay for full service animal control on a per capita cost basis.

The Santa Barbara Police Department currently pays Santa Barbara County approximately \$50,000 per year for shelter services. The proposed per capita fee will raise the cost to \$265,000 per year. Because of this significant increase the County has proposed to step the increase over four years. This agreement covers the first two years of cost increases. The cost for Fiscal Year 2008 is \$79,140. The cost for Fiscal Year 2009 will be \$158,280. The Santa Barbara Police Department will pay for Fiscal Year 2008 with the existing appropriated funds in the Police Department budget. The Fiscal Year 2009 budget will be adjusted to reflect the costs in that year. Two additional cost increases are anticipated when the agreement is renewed in two years. The County has indicated that a new agreement for Fiscal Years 2010 and 2011 will increase so that the maximum cost to the city (\$265,000) will occur in Fiscal Year 2011.

REVIEWED BY: _____ Finance _____ Attorney

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The current agreement with Santa Barbara County is expired. The County requested this new agreement begin in October 1, 2007, but agreed that the City of Santa Barbara needed time to evaluate the proposal and possible alternatives. Having done these inquiries, staff's opinion is that this agreement and the new fee structure are appropriate and consistent with charges for animal control services in neighboring counties.

Staff recommends approval of this agreement.

PREPARED BY: Rich Glaus, Deputy Police Chief

SUBMITTED BY: Cam Sanchez, Police Chief

| **APPROVED BY:** City Administrator's Office